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USEFUL FOR CARRYING OUT THE METHOD AND APPARATUS COMPRISING THE
BURNER SYSTEM

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	1.	5,719,698	2/17/1998	HIRAIWA et al.			

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	4.	1254867A2	11/06/2002	EP			X		

OTHER REFERENCES *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

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